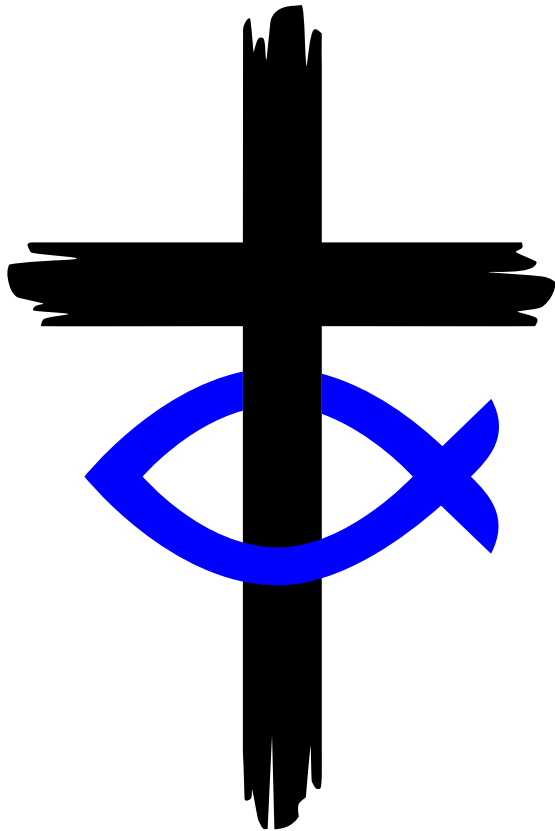


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# The Recorder

April '23

News and views from Redland Park &  
New Brunswick United Reformed Churches



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# New Brunswick Update

## Preachers for 11 am Services

### April

2nd Angus Gregson (Palm Sunday)  
9th Angus Gregson (Easter Day)  
16th Kate Wintle  
23rd Rev. Helena Mckinnon  
30th Les Fry and friends

### May

7th To be advised  
14th Rev. Douglas Burnett (Including Communion)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

APRIL 4TH at 7.30pm This will be our monthly Joint Churches Prayer Meeting. This month it will be hosted by New Brunswick. All are welcome.

APRIL 7TH GOOD FRIDAY There will be a joint service at New Brunswick at 10am led by Angus Gregson and John Shapcott. This will be followed by Hot Cross buns and tea or coffee. Weather permitting, there will then be a witness gathering at Arnside.

APRIL 27 TH at 7.30 Will be our Church AGM.

APRIL 28TH at 7PM is the next Southmead Quiz. Cost £3 which includes tea and coffee and table nibbles.

APRIL 29TH from 12-3pm at the Greenway Centre is the next Craft and Preloved Fair. MAY 2ND Joint Prayer meeting hosted by St Stephens.

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We are sorry to hear that **Dave F** has had to spend time in hospital. We pray that his stay won't be long and he will be back at home. May he be assured of our prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with **Ruth and Peter**. May they get the help they need to make life a little easier.

**Elizabeth** has settled well in her new home. She is hoping to join us for worship once a month. Probably this will coincide with our Fellowship Lunch.

**Anita, Roger and the family** remain in our thoughts and prayers. We ask God to give them His Peace and comfort as they go through difficult times.

We thank God for His love and care of **Julie and Pete** and are so pleased that they have been able to enjoy a short holiday. We pray that Pete's condition will continue to remain stable.

## BIRTHDAYS.

Several of our folk will be celebrating birthdays this month.

Dougie 13th. Kate 14th. Elaine 16th. Dave F 20th. Angus 24th.

We wish them all a very Happy Day, one full of God's Richest Blessings.

# Vestry Vibes by Douglas Burnett



Dear friends,

Easter is with us once again. For many the mention of Easter will mostly mean the prospect of a holiday. That is no bad thing. Especially after the past three years when the opportunity just to get away has been limited, the ability to get away is something to be warmly embraced.

Of course, the notion of holidays was always based in the notion of holy days. Before any notion of "getting a bit of a break" was ever thought of. It was all part of the liturgical life of the church, and that certain holy days were always associated with certain aspects of the divine. For Roman Catholics such days are still in plenty and can be connected with particular saints. Each of those saints points to a certain characteristic or aspect of God. Holy days were always about broadening our horizons to see and understand new aspects of the world around us as being within the orbit of God. In the beginning and at the end, all is of God. As the Book of Revelation puts it, God is the Alpha and the Omega. Maybe getting away on holiday is very much about that need that we have as human beings to broaden our horizons and discover something new. Which brings me back to the understanding of the Easter holiday, or the Easter holy day. Nothing could be more fundamental to human beings than some real understanding of life and death.

Birth is obviously what we celebrate at Christmas. But understanding death and looking beyond our mortality is what we come to at Easter. That is a much tougher challenge all round. Maybe that is why many prefer to

bypass Good Friday altogether. Understandably so. But even so, there it is. But then we move onto Easter Sunday. With Easter Sunday there is always, a feel, not only a real note of celebration (it is the holiest day in the Christian calendar), but also a real sense of relief. Maybe that is because Easter Sunday truly does broaden our horizons in a way that we thought was unimaginable. If you take Easter at all seriously, that is what it does. It is mind-blowing stuff. In fact, the way in which the gospel writers tell in their writing it is almost as if they are saying, "Look, I know that this sounds crazy, but this is what we saw, heard and experienced." They had to create this utterly unique category that we still know as the resurrection. The life, death and resurrection of Christ is still, in my mind, the most compelling story in human history. If you can get away over Easter then that is very good. I hope that in some way that you can celebrate with family and friends. I hope that you can find a way to celebrate life. But do remember that at the heart of it all that some 2000 years ago that something remarkable and powerful happened that flowed from God. Because of that we can look forward with hope, faith and confidence. Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Dougie*



We pray for several of our members and friends who have been suffering from ill health recently; **Anna Ambrose** was in Southmead Hospital but is now back home and recovering slowly. **John Turner** was also in Southmead and had an operation with further treatment to come. **Martyn Steel** is still recovering from an arm damaged in a fall which is healing slower than he would like. **Carole Atter** is in the BRI with poor chest health and we hope she is home and recovered by the time this Recorder comes out. We send our thoughts and prayers to all our friends and we look forward to their full recovery and strength.

**Margaret Prigg** has now moved to Avenue House in Cotham as her former home closed down at the end of March; we send our best wishes to her as she settles in.

Our premises manager, **Adam Stewart**, is moving with **Ali and Finlay** to Wells shortly, but he is continuing his work with us and he will continue to look after the premises as well as being part of our audio-visual tech team. We send them our best wishes in their new home.

Those who remember **Elaine Savage** from her time at Redland Park will want to know that her funeral is to be held at Canford on 18 April at 2.15pm, conducted by Dougie.

We send our best wishes to the **Bristol Korean Church** as they call a new minister from South Korea. **Revd Bohyun Kim** left some time ago to become General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Korea and the BKC has had visiting ministers since then. **Revd Johan Song** has been visiting from

S Korea and has now been called, and has accepted the call, to come to the BKC at Redland Park. We look forward to working with him on joint services and their mission with us.

As the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter come to an end, we give thanks for good work done for homeless people through the winter. They all appreciated a room of their own, meals provided by many churches around the city, and support as they found work, opened bank accounts, and found accommodation of their own. Redland Park has been providing lunches and servers every Wednesday since the beginning of November. Thanks to everyone who has given support either by making sandwiches, baking cakes, giving donations and serving lunch. There are plans for the 2023/24 night shelter so we will see what happens. The need is still there.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere, and ask the government to be compassionate to them all, and to help bring peace to the world. We pray especially for Ukraine at present, and for Russia that their leader develops some humanity, and for the people of Turkey and Syria after the earthquakes there.

We also pray for countries suffering from natural disasters, especially those areas suffering from the effects of Climate Change bringing drought, floods, cyclones and famine to countries around the world.

## Garden party

The Church in Society group is organising a garden party but, as a Sunday has been chosen, we will be holding this as a lunch rather than afternoon tea, so that people don't have to go home and come out again, especially those who live a long drive away.

The date is Sunday 2 July, the time is after morning worship, and the venue is the beautiful garden of Jane and Richard Pedlar (Trymwood, Trym Road, Westbury on Trym, BS9 3ET)

Bring a folding chair if you have one, lifts will be available, please speak to Carol Fry if you need one, and we look forward to a lovely church family event. Please come and enjoy yourself.

## SAVE THE DATES!



Redland Park is going to hold our usual Christian Aid Fair on Saturday 13 May from 10.30am to about 1.00/1.30pm at the front of the church.

There will be books, plants, bric a brac, cakes, teas and coffees, etc, so anything you wish to de-clutter or donate we would be very grateful to have it.

If you can help on the day, either by coming and buying, making a cake, donating stuff, or helping run a stall, please save the date and let us know. Many thanks. Les and his team will be serving Big Brekkie on Sunday 14 May from 9.30am so please come along and eat and socialise before we go in for morning service.

CHURCH IN SOCIETY GROUP

**Broad Plain & Riverside Youth Project.**

*"Where Education Matters and All can Achieve."*

Clement Street, Easton, Bristol BS2 9EQ

*Centre Director; Dennis Stinchcombe MBE, MA, ACMI*

**Andrew Sims.**

On behalf of Edna, my family, myself and most of all, everyone at Broad Plain, I express our most sincere condolences to Suzy, Matthew, Hannah and Helen on your loss, a great loss also to Broad Plain.

As Leader in Charge of Broad Plain Lad/ Working with Young People and now Broad Plain & Riverside Youth Project for the last 47 years, it has been an enormous privilege to work with, and to know Andrew.

Andrew's leadership of the Trustees and Management Board at this club, has enabled me and our team to run one of the most successful youth clubs in the South West.

In committee, his attention to detail in addressing the endless bureaucracy that befalls voluntary sector and charitable organisations like Broad Plain, was consistently, second to none. Andrew always managed to keep us focussed and on the straight and narrow and proud of our link with Redland Park URC.

So from our old premises at Anvil Street, he made sure that the new build at Riverside was something to be proud of, and here we are, nearly 30 years down the line looking at another new development in partnership with Young Bristol, for a brand new club on the same site. This will ensure that Broad Plain, under the Highbury/ Redland Park banner will continue to serve the young people of inner city Bristol and its surrounding areas, for many years to come. An organisation, begun in 1894 continues through Andrew and his wisdom and determined outreach. His legacy will continue here.

Thank you Andrew for being you and thanks to the family for allowing us all, to share him.

Dennis.

# THE CHURCHES OF WHITELADIES ROAD HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES 2023

**Monday 3rd April, 7.30pm**

**Redland Park United Reformed Church  
Whiteladies Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6SA**

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**Tuesday 4th April, 7.30pm**

**Cotham Parish Church, Cotham Rd,  
Cotham, Bristol BS6 6DR**

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**Wednesday 5th April, 7.30pm**

**Redland Park United Reformed Church  
Whiteladies Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6SA**

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**Maundy Thursday 6th April, 7.30pm**

**Victoria Methodist Church  
1A Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 1NU**

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**Good Friday 7th April**

**10.00am Tyndale Baptist Church,  
Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2QG**

**7.30pm Victoria Methodist Church  
1A Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 1NU**



## Minutes of Church meeting 19.03.2023

### REDLAND PARK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Redland Park, Redland  
Bristol BS6 6SA

www.redlandparkurc.org  
Registered Charity No 1131460

**Attending;** Rev Dougie Burnett & 21 members,

**Apologies for absence;** Angus Gregson, Richard & Jane Pedlar, John & Anne Neugebauer, Anna & Matt Sims, Audrey Bryant, Jane Beazer, Helen & Andy Grand, Wendy & Brian Day, Viv Hayden, Myra & Derek Jones, Helena McKinnon. (17)

**Minutes of last meeting 18.1.23;** Confirmed as accurate.

### Matters Arising;

#### 1. Warmbank.

This effective scheme has now closed. It generated limited take-up & therefore ran significantly under budget.

Project will now extend into a weekly Wednesday Coffee morning from 10.30 am to 1.30pm in the Whiteladies Road vestibule, from Wednesday 3rd May.  
Great thanks to Derek for leading this initiative.

### Finance & Property update:

Andrew Hayden, new Church Treasurer presented the report. The minutes of 18.9.22 indicated that Andrew would begin this role 1.1.23, but this was delayed, and confirmed today.

### Key Points;

- Expenditure continues to outstrip income, there remains £24,348 in the Bank account- it may be necessary to draw down additional funds from Reserves.
- Major recent expenditure includes Manse Roof Repair (£13,000), Painting of rear stairwells, (£7,000), Necessary work for fire precaution compliance (c£30,000) & Hurle Road Club Rooms Flood Repairs (Insurance Claim, Church to pay & then reclaim).
- Gas and electricity expenditure has also increased.
- Substitute heating will be required following the breakdown of the second boiler.
- 77th Scouts are seeking to take a 25 year lease on the Hurle Road Club Rooms, thereby relieving Redland Park of the work, risk and cost of premises, & offering us some regular income over the lease period, plus rooms to continue to be available for community use. Synod has been informed. The transfer to the Scouts is planned to be completed by 31.12.24

f. Church Meeting Resolution; in order to complete the emergency repairs to the Manse roof, Redland Park URC wish to apply for a Synod Grant of £1,290 for the roof & a Synod Eco Grant of £420. This resolution was proposed by Andrew Hayden and seconded by Carol Fry and unanimously agreed. The full application will be signed by Dougie, Les, & Andrew,

Enormous gratitude was expressed to John Neugebauer for his 14 years as Church Treasurer. In turn, John's report highlighted the enormous support offered by David & Viv Hayden and Sally & Terry King.

**News of Members;** The deaths of Andrew Sims & Elaine Savage were reported, as well as updates on 7 other members.

### Ministerial Matters;

1. New Members; Upto 6 will be welcomed on Palm Sunday- 2nd April-

2. Bristol Korean Church will formally join the URC as a full member church at the July General Assembly.  
Rev James Jang is supporting as a Companion Elder & Rev Johan Song is preaching with a view today. The BKC will vote on the appointment on 26.3.23. The appointment is subject to both an employment visa being granted & a manse being found.

#### 3. Easter

Monday evening reflection at Redland Park. (Dougie), Tuesday at Cotham, Wednesday at Redland Park (Helena)- NOT at the Chaplaincy, Maundy Thursday at Tyndale Baptist & Good Friday service at Victoria.

Easter Sunday will be a joint service with BKC.

An Easter Service is planned for St John's School Reception classes.

### Committee Updates;

#### 1. Church in Society. (Carol)

a. Christian Aid Week will run from 13th to 20th May, with all week Envelope Delivery, Fayre on Saturday 13th and Big Brekkie at 9.30am on Sunday 14th. Volunteers will be needed for all activities.

b. Subsequent to the collapse of Tralcraft, the regular stall will market Eco Friendly products.

c. Quarterly Sunday lunches are to return, beginning with a Garden Party at Jane & Richard's on 2nd July.

d. Food hygiene training is to be undertaken alongside the BKC.

#### 2. Climate Justice. (Alison)

a. A letter has been sent to HSBC challenging the funding of Fossil fuel projects

b. A presentation was made at Churches Together in February, & partnership working is anticipated after the next meeting in April.

c. Postcards have been sent today to local MPs addressing Loss & Damage issues.

### Secretary's Issues;

a. Pulpit Supply for 2023 completed- thanks to Hannah.

b.. Church Annual Review submitted to South West Province

c. Gifts confirmed to Rev Ruth Whitehead John Neugebauer & Jan Murphy..

d. Safeguarding practice has been upgraded subsequent to February training- new DBS checks will be undertaken from April.

e.. Premises Manager, Adam is moving to Wells at the end of March, Les is negotiating his new employment schedule.

f. Sally will address the challenge of excess keys in circulation in the April Recorder.

g. Rev Ruth Whitehead's successor as Moderator will hopefully be in post by October.

As part of the appointment process, we are invited to submit comments about the following;

i. What new opportunities do we hope to have open to Redland Park over the next 5 years?

ii. What do we identify as the key challenges facing the church in the next 5 years?

lii. What skills, experience and qualities will our new Moderator need in serving & leading the South Western Synod?

### Any Other Business;

Viiv & David invite us all to collect old copper & silver coins and add them to the collection bags by the middle of June.

Next Meeting; Wednesday 17th May 2023, 7.30pm by Zoom.

# Keeping up with the vicar Pt133 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for April and the first Sunday in May. As usual in the period between Easter and Pentecost, the Lectionary chooses a bit of Acts in place of the Old Testament reading.

The key to all these is in the last verse of our April 16th reading, John 20:31 which sets out the purpose of the gospel, just as Luke does in the first four verses of his account and Mark, with typical bluntness, does in just one verse, his first.

In our post resurrection readings from Acts, we see the launch of the church as the gospel spreads and the church grows rapidly beyond Jerusalem. We see how driven Peter and Paul (once he'd seen the light - literally) are to spread the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles as they live out what Paul calls "The Way". Have we got the same enthusiasm and drive for spreading the good news that has transformed our lives?

When I wrote this piece for the Recorder three years ago, churches in the UK had just suspended their services. How long did we think that would last? So I suggested then that maybe you could read the readings for each Sunday and work out what the sermon would have said. You can still do that now, just earlier in the week, and then play "sermon bingo" on Sunday. How many of your points did the preacher include, and vice versa? It'll mean listening carefully though...

## Angus

April	Old Testament	Psalm	Gospel	NT
2nd	Isaiah 50:4-9a	118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	Philippians 2:5-11
<small>Palm Sunday</small>				
9th	Acts 10:34-43	118:1-2, 14-24	Matthew 28:1-10	Colossians 3:1-4
<small>Easter day</small>				
16th	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	16	OR John 20: 1-18 John 20:19-31	1 Peter 1:3-9
23rd	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	116:1-4, 12-19	Luke 24:13-35	1 Peter 1:17-23
30th	Acts 2.42-47	23	John 10:1-10	1 Peter 2:19-25
<b>May</b>				
7th	Acts 7.55-60	31:1-5, 15-16	John 14:1-14	1 Peter 2.2-10

# Redland Park Church Calendar

## April 2023 at Redland Park URC.

Sunday services @ 10.30am. (At church and on Zoom)

2nd Rev Dougie Burnett. (including Communion).

9th Rev Dougie Burnett, joint worship with the Bristol Korean Church.

16th Rev Norman Whitaker.

23rd Rev Dougie Burnett.

30th Rev Dougie Burnett.

Zoom log in; 732 001 8996; passcode 8cC7Zv

7pm Sunday service @ 7pm.

9th and 23rd through Zoom.

Zoom log in; 815 4053 7777; passcode 087103

Cell Groups.

Mondays, 8.00pm.

Zoom log in; 831 5113 5751; passcode 508239

Tuesdays, 7.30pm.

Zoom log in; 312 983 3387; passcode 795550

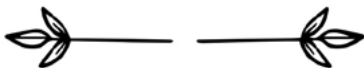


# Jessica & Deniz

We invite members of Redland Park to our wedding at the church on 20th May 2023 at 2.30pm. There will be a ceremony followed by nibbles and drinks. We hope to see you there!

For catering purposes, please let us know if you are planning to attend by emailing [denizkalayci94@gmail.com](mailto:denizkalayci94@gmail.com).

Love Jess and Deniz



## John Neugebauer

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10 years ago I was Church secretary at Redland Park . At a meeting at the Finance and Property meeting we needed to suggest someone to take over the job of Church treasurer . Seating opposite me, chairing the meeting, was John Neugebauer . I immediately thought he was the man to keep the church on track financially. The committee agreed and luckily John accepted the position. He has guided us through some very difficult financial times over the past 10 years . Probably the worst time was the Pandemic, when for 2 years our lets could not use our rooms , so no income from them. We still had to pay our electricity and gas bills .Thank you John for the hard work in getting the insurance company to pay some of our losses .

It is easy to forget that John was still working, writing a book , treasurer of the Chaplaincy and guiding the BKC with their money matters.

Probably one of John's greatest achievements was being Father Christmas at our Christmas Fayre. The grotto had to be just so , poor Terry going on the roof to black out the window in the office . Christine Johnson being the perfect Santa's helper !!

The children visiting Santa thought it was great.

It is easy to forget that John still attended the Catholic Cathedral, his own church , besides Redland Park.

A very special thank you from me for so much help with guidance when dealing with the lets over the past 3 years .

Thank you John for all you have done for the church over the last 10 years .

I know you blame me !!!

Sally

## A challenge for our churches

“Member churches of the Anglican Communion are involved in every part of the story of climate change. We are the people facing devastation in disaster-stricken communities. We are the polluters in wealthy countries. We are people living in poverty and on the margins. We wield power and political influence. We are experiencing loss and damage of our lands, homes and livelihoods. We are investors with financial capital. We are first responders to disasters and those who accompany communities on the journey of recovery and resilience. We contribute to the problem. We contribute to the solution.”

At a recent meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, Dr Elizabeth Perry from the Anglican Alliance gave the statement above. It is true not only for Anglicans, but also for all members of the worldwide Body of Christ. As you read it, pray that each Christian may recognise his or her part in the story and join with others to share in their burdens or rejoicing. Pray that we may all work together as participants in a new story, shaped by God.”

Myra

## Commitment for Life

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

### Spring Update Zimbabwe

#### Producing resilient livestock

Gilbert Butau from Mudzi, Zimbabwe is a livestock farmer who contends daily with the realities of climate change and unpredictable weather conditions. Christian Aid partner BRACT has been working to help communities like Gilberts, to prepare and adapt to a changing climate and economic shocks.

BRACT have provided training in livestock management, worked to improve farmers access to animal feed, provided farmers with incubators for chicken farming and has introduced young male boer goats for breeding. The boer breed develops swiftly and has a high meat yield, increasing profitability. Its successful breeding programme has meant that other villages are now benefitting too. Gilbert says, “Each time I got male kids, I would pass on one of them to another farmer in the next village. In that way we are realising great success with the goat improvement programme.”

When assessing the health of their cattle herds, farmers identified ticks as a major cause of sickness, low market value and animal death. BRACT, helped to support farmers to make financial contributions for buying dipping chemical for their herds. Gilbert says, “The BRACT program taught us self-reliance. As a community we raised our own money and procured cattle dipping chemicals... Ever since the start of the sustainable dipping initiative, we no longer have ticks, and our



Gilbert Butau with his herd of goats.

cattle are now marketable. Our goats and cattle now fetch good market prices.” Another farmer in the community, Kerry Mavandiva, says, “Before the BRACT project came, my oxen would fetch about \$250 or \$300 but now fetch about

**‘Our goats and cattle now fetch good market prices’**

\$500 to \$600 which means we now get better returns that go a long way in sustaining our families”.

With these gains, the farmers like Gilbert can prioritise their family’s own nutritional needs and bring to market their surplus.

**Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life**

#### Time to make polluters pay

COP27, like many UN conferences of the past left mixed feelings. Whilst there was a real lack of commitment to phase out fossil fuels, a deal was agreed to create a fund to compensate those most impacted by climate disasters. Joab Okanda, Christian Aid’s Pan African Policy Advisor, said: “This is a victory for climate vulnerable countries who have been demanding this.” Right now

though, all we have is an empty bucket. We need those responsible for the climate crisis to step up and provide the money urgently needed to help communities on the frontlines of the crisis.

It’s time to make polluters pay for the damage they’ve caused. Join the campaign at [caid.org.uk/riseuppayup](http://caid.org.uk/riseuppayup)

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